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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT STATISTICS, DECEMBER QUARTER 1967

Details of industrial accidents given in this bulletin were extracted from claims for workers' compensation finalised or becoming three years old during the quarter ended 31 December 1967. They do not refer to accidents actually occurring within this period.

In these statistics the objective has been not only to meet the requirements of the Division of Occupational Safety of the State Department of Labour and Tourism, but also to conform to standards set by the International Labour Organisation for the international comparison of industrial accident statistics.

An analysis of the December quarter 1967 claims showed that, of the 8,930 work injuries, 8,203, or 91.9 per cent, were for males, and 727, or 8.1 per cent, for females, and that 8,725, or 97.7 per cent, of all injuries were of a temporary nature, 189, or 2.1 per cent, resulted in permanent disabilities, whilst 16, or 0.2 per cent, were fatal injuries (all males).

Total time lost through temporary disabilities amounted to 146,461 days for males and 14,426 for females. Male employees lost an average of 18.3 days, and 40.4 per cent of absences were of less than one week's duration. The average number of days lost by female employees through temporary disabilities was 20.2, and 37.5 per cent of absences were of less than one week's duration.

Of the male occupation groups listed in Table 2, Metal Tradesmen and Process Workers suffered most injuries (1,760, or 21.5 per cent). In the female grouping, more accidents (181, or 24.9 per cent of the total) happened to Service Industry and Recreation Workers than to any other group.

The most common single agency related to the accident group (see explanatory notes) was Hand Tools and Moveable Equipment which resulted in 1,923, or 21.5 per cent, of work injuries. In the type of accident category, 3,846, or 46.9 per cent of injuries to male employees, resulted from being Struck by Moving or Falling Objects, and 265, or 36.5 per cent of injured female employees, received their injuries in the same manner.

Sprains and strains (2,425 of total injuries) and lacerations and open wounds were the two most common injuries suffered. Internal injuries caused 7 of the 16 fatalities.

More detailed statistics are available quarterly and annually and may be had on request.

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Explanatory Notes

The Workers' Compensation Department of the Queensland State Government Insurance Office is the only body authorised under the provisions of "The Workers' Compensation Acts, 1916 to 1966", to issue industrial accident policies in Queensland. Claims made on this Department are therefore the sole source of information on compensative industrial accidents. These statistics cannot purport to represent all industrial accidents occurring in the State. Coverage is necessarily limited by the terms of the Workers' Compensation Acts. The chief deficiencies are:

- (a) Self-employed persons are not obliged to insure under the Act. They may insure voluntarily, but those who do so represent only a small proportion of all self-employed persons, limiting the coverage of persons in the Primary Industries particularly.
- (b) Commonwealth Public Servants are excluded from the provisions of the State Act, thus limiting the coverage of persons in the Communications Industry (e.g., P.M.G.).
- (c) Members of the Queensland Police Force are also excluded from the provisions of the Act.

By definition, the scope of the collection is limited to include only those injured employees who lost at least a full shift from work as a result of the accident. This bulletin contains particulars of "first reports" of claims finalised during the quarter. Accidents occurring during recess periods or on journey to or from work are excluded.

An Industrial Accident in this bulletin is defined as any compensated work injury causing death or permanent disability, or the temporary disability of the injured person during the entire interval corresponding to the hours of his or her regular shift on any one or more calendar days subsequent to the date of the injury.

Fatal injuries are so classified regardless of the time intervening between injury and death, providing that death occurs within three years of the intimation of the claim.

Permanent Disability is an injury which does not cause death but which results in the complete loss or loss of use of any member or part of a member of the body, or any permanent impairment of functions of the body or part thereof.

Temporary Disability is an injury which does not result in death or permanent impairment, but which renders the injured person unable to perform a regularly established job during the entire time interval corresponding to the hours of a full, regular shift.

Agency Related to the Accident is the agency (i.e., work conditions, production equipment, or persons, animals, etc.) which because of its hazardous nature or condition precipitated the event designated as the accident.

Type of Accident is the event which directly resulted in the injury (i.e., the manner in which contact was made between the injured person and the object or substance causing the injury).

Table 1 - Work Injuries: Industry Group by Extent of Disability and Time Lost, December Quarter 1967

Industry Group	All In- juries	Extent of Disability			Duration of Temporary Disability							
		Fatal	Perm- anent	Tem- porary	1 Day to	Over 7 to	Over 2 to	1 to 6	Over 6	Days Lost		
					7 Days	14 Days	4 Weeks	Months	Months	Total	Average	
Males												
TOTAL	8,203	16	176	8,011	3,234	2,159	1,369	1,202	47	146,461	18.3	
Primary Production ..	757	3	32	722	154	217	156	186	9	19,438	26.9	
Mining and Quarrying ..	286	1	13	272	96	82	44	46	4	5,621	20.7	
Cement, Bricks, Glass, etc.	202	-	3	199	94	57	34	13	1	2,454	12.3	
Metal Refining and Products	536	-	1	535	306	121	70	36	2	6,390	11.9	
Machinery, General Engineering	922	-	13	909	505	199	102	102	1	12,076	13.3	
Meat and Fish Processing ..	777	-	8	769	340	253	108	66	2	10,636	13.8	
Other Food & Drink Processing	444	-	10	434	176	121	73	64	-	6,945	16.0	
Sawmilling and Wood Products	403	2	17	384	146	95	81	62	-	6,598	17.2	
Preparation of Skins and Leather												
Goods Manufacturing ..	40	-	1	39	14	13	6	5	1	1,161	29.8	
Rubber Goods Manufacturing	40	-	1	39	19	9	6	5	-	599	15.4	
Other Manufacturing ..	195	-	9	186	86	38	34	27	1	3,222	17.3	
Electricity and Gas ..	148	1	4	143	58	39	26	20	-	2,214	15.5	
Water Supply and Sewerage	120	1	-	119	36	31	26	25	1	3,388	28.5	
Building Construction, Repairs	788	-	17	771	307	204	130	125	5	15,450	20.0	
Other Construction Works ..	886	6	14	866	303	259	175	120	9	16,676	19.3	
Road Transport ..	289	1	9	279	93	83	57	44	2	5,384	19.3	
Other Transport and Storage	455	1	6	448	156	114	93	81	4	10,140	22.6	
Commerce and Finance ..	673	-	11	662	270	164	106	119	3	12,667	19.1	
Community and Business Services	120	-	3	117	45	30	19	23	-	2,114	18.1	
Amusement and Personal Services	110	-	3	107	28	27	20	30	2	2,933	27.4	
Other Industries ..	12	-	1	11	2	3	3	3	-	355	32.3	
Females												
TOTAL	727	-	13	714	268	226	107	107	6	14,426	20.2	
Primary Production ..	20	-	-	20	6	5	4	5	-	389	19.4	
Metal Refining and Products,												
General Engineering ..	46	-	2	44	14	16	6	8	-	952	21.6	
Textile Manufacturing ..	16	-	-	16	8	5	2	1	-	161	10.1	
Clothing Manufacturing ..	26	-	-	26	12	7	2	5	-	455	17.5	
Meat and Fish Processing ..	140	-	2	138	59	46	24	9	-	1,704	12.3	
Jam Making, Fruit and Vegetable												
Canning	50	-	1	49	17	20	7	5	-	923	18.8	
Other Food & Drink Processing	54	-	2	52	21	18	10	3	-	679	13.1	
Printing, Packaging, etc.												
Manufacturing ..	26	-	1	25	11	7	4	3	-	354	14.2	
Other Manufacturing ..	30	-	2	28	10	9	3	6	-	547	19.5	
Commerce and Finance ..	112	-	1	111	47	35	12	16	1	1,828	16.5	
Health, Hospitals, etc. ..	72	-	-	72	23	17	17	15	-	1,547	21.5	
Other Community etc. Services	21	-	-	21	5	10	1	5	-	460	21.9	
Hotels, Boarding Houses,												
Restaurants, etc. ..	78	-	2	76	25	21	11	15	4	3,287	43.3	
Amusement and Other Personal												
Services	17	-	-	17	5	3	2	6	1	709	41.7	
Other Industries ..	19	-	-	19	5	7	2	5	-	431	22.7	

Table 2 - Work Injuries: Occupation Group by Type of Accident, December Quarter 1967

Occupation Group	All Injuries		Falls of Persons		Struck by Moving, Falling Objects, etc.		Caught in or between Objects		Over-exertion or Strenuous Movement		Heat, Cold, Harmful Substances, Currents, etc.		Other Types	
	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F. ^a	N.F.
Males														
TOTAL	16	8,187	2	1,567	2	3,844	6	659	1	1,516	1	396	4	205
Professional, Managerial, Clerical Workers ..	1	108	-	37	-	32	-	11	-	13	-	6	1	9
Salesmen	-	109	-	22	-	35	-	5	-	29	-	4	-	14
Farmers, Fishermen, Timber-getters	3	759	-	156	1	402	1	68	-	92	-	17	1	24
Miners and Quarrymen ..	1	218	-	33	1	122	-	25	-	33	-	1	-	4
Road Transport Workers ..	3	444	1	122	-	138	-	38	1	116	-	6	1	24
Electricians and Related Electrical Workers ..	-	134	-	38	-	47	-	12	-	22	-	12	-	3
Metal Tradesmen, Process Workers	1	1,759	-	223	-	869	-	130	-	310	-	193	1	34
Carpenters and Other Wood-working Occupations ..	-	684	-	140	-	337	-	51	-	140	-	7	-	9
Painters and Decorators ..	-	93	-	29	-	35	-	3	-	20	-	3	-	3
Bricklayers and Other Construction Workers ..	1	365	-	79	-	157	-	14	-	87	1	14	-	14
Food and Beverage Workers	-	695	-	76	-	484	-	27	-	74	-	27	-	7
Excavating, Lifting Equipment Operators	3	297	-	73	-	123	3	34	-	47	-	13	-	7
Waterside Workers, Freight Handlers	-	476	-	116	-	187	-	34	-	123	-	4	-	12
Labourers n.e.i. ..	2	1,412	-	267	-	661	2	129	-	272	-	55	-	28
Service, Sport, and Recreation Workers	-	181	-	63	-	62	-	3	-	42	-	9	-	2
Other Occupations ..	1	453	1	93	-	153	-	75	-	96	-	25	-	11
Females														
TOTAL	-	727	-	190	-	265	-	54	-	135	-	38	-	45
Professional, Managerial, Clerical Workers ..	-	69	-	34	-	12	-	2	-	15	-	5	-	1
Sales Workers	-	62	-	23	-	21	-	1	-	14	-	2	-	1
Tailors, Cutters, Machinists, etc.	-	24	-	4	-	14	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	-
Textile, Footwear, and Other Leather Workers ..	-	22	-	4	-	8	-	5	-	4	-	-	-	1
Metal Process Workers ..	-	41	-	2	-	19	-	7	-	7	-	-	-	6
Food and Beverage Workers	-	120	-	12	-	62	-	6	-	20	-	3	-	17
Other Production Process Workers n.e.i. ..	-	44	-	8	-	15	-	8	-	12	-	-	-	1
Packers, Labellers, etc. ..	-	135	-	32	-	52	-	13	-	21	-	6	-	11
Service Industry and Recreation Workers	-	181	-	60	-	55	-	7	-	34	-	20	-	5
Other Occupations ..	-	29	-	11	-	7	-	1	-	6	-	2	-	2

F. Fatal. N.F. Non-fatal.

a Including 4 cases due to traffic accidents.

Table 3 - Work Injuries: Agency Related to Accident by Nature of Injury, December Quarter 1967

Agency Related to Accident	All Injuries		Fractures, Dis-locations		Sprains and Strains		Lacerations, Open Wounds		Contusions, Bruisings, Superficial Injuries		Burns, Scalds		Other Injuries ^a	
	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F. ^b	N.F.
Total Persons														
TOTAL	16	8,914	2	1,052	-	2,425	-	2,389	-	2,088	1	389	13	571
Metal and Wood-working Machines	-	353	-	29	-	15	-	152	-	120	-	12	-	25
Other Machines ..	4	426	2	65	-	75	-	135	-	97	-	9	2	45
Lifting Equipment ..	-	124	-	23	-	23	-	29	-	40	-	-	-	9
Installed Equipment ..	-	88	-	11	-	22	-	15	-	13	-	17	-	10
Hand Tools and Moveable Equipment	1	1,922	-	137	-	240	-	909	-	397	-	107	1	132
Means of Transport ..	7	888	-	177	-	262	-	120	-	247	1	17	6	65
Materials, Substances, and Radiation	-	267	-	1	-	2	-	14	-	62	-	180	-	8
Indoor Working Environment	-	672	-	90	-	291	-	65	-	174	-	10	-	42
Outdoor and Underground Working Environment ..	3	779	-	124	-	319	-	131	-	171	-	5	3	29
Other Agencies ..	1	3,395	-	395	-	1,176	-	819	-	767	-	32	1	206

F. Fatal. N.F. Non-fatal.

^a Including miscellaneous reactions to poisons, effects of electric currents, and exposure to weather.^b Including 7 cases due to internal injuries.

Table 4 - Work Injuries: Type of Accident by Extent of Disability and Duration of Temporary Disability, December Quarter 1967

Type of Accident	All In-juries	Extent of Disability			Duration of Temporary Disability							
		Fatal	Perm-anent	Tem-porary	1 Day to 7 Days	Over 7 to 14 Days	Over 2 to 4 Weeks	1 to 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Days Lost		
										Total	Average	
Total Persons												
TOTAL	8,930	16	189	8,725	3,502	2,385	1,476	1,309	53	160,887	18.44	
Falls of Persons ..	1,759	2	23	1,734	570	456	321	370	17	42,110	24.28	
Struck by Falling Objects	926	2	14	910	351	250	172	131	6	16,999	18.68	
Stepping on, Striking or Struck by Objects ..	3,185	-	63	3,122	1,506	884	439	286	7	41,267	13.22	
Caught in or between Objects	719	6	77	636	178	176	150	127	5	14,245	22.40	
Over-exertion or Strenuous Movement	1,652	1	2	1,649	556	450	308	322	13	35,361	21.44	
Exposure to or Contact with Extreme Temperature ..	275	-	-	275	134	78	39	24	-	3,643	13.25	
Exposure to or Contact with Electric Current ..	6	-	-	6	4	1	1	-	-	43	7.17	
Exposure to or Contact with Harmful Substances ..	154	1	-	153	117	24	8	4	-	1,166	7.62	
Traffic Accidents ..	89	4	9	76	19	16	12	24	5	3,472	45.68	
Other Types	165	-	1	164	67	50	26	21	-	2,581	15.74	

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